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PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No. 16056.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re application of | |) |
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| | Günter Hofmann, et al. |) |
| Serial No.: | N/A |) Art Unit |
| Conf No.: | N/A |) N/A) |
| Filed: | March 29, 2004 |) |
| For: | DEVICE FOR HOLDING AT LEAST ONE ROLLER OF A ROLLING MACHINE |))) |
| Examiner: | Unassigned |) |

PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The present application claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to German Patent Application No. 103 17 312.9, in accordance with the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (613 O.G. 23, 53 Stat. 1748). The above-identified application was filed in the German Patent and Trade Mark office on April 14, 2003, and is entitled "Vorrichtung zum Halten Wenigstens einer Walze einer Walzmaschine" ("Device for Holding at Least One Roller

of a Rolling Machine"). Applicants have attached herewith a certified copy of the above-identified German application.

Dated this 29 day of March, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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